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DEMAND FOR NEW TRAINS FOR RAJASTHAN AND TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the norms laid down for introducing a new train service;

(b) the number of proposals for introducing new train services pending with the Railways;

(c) whether Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu Governments have also submitted proposals in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of proposals approved by the Railways out of the proposals submitted; and

(f) the details of the proposals not approved along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (DR. R. VELU)

(a): New trains are introduced taking into account demands from the public representatives and various factors like availability of resources, operational feasibility, traffic justification, completion of gauge conversion works, new lines, development of requisite facilities etc.

(b): 5 pairs of new train services announced in Railway Budgets 2005-06 & 2007-08 are pending at present.

(c) to (f): The following demands were received from Chief Minister/Rajasthan for introduction of new services :-

Jaipur-Pune Ajmer- Kota Jaipur- Bhopal
Jaipur- Puri Jodhpur- Coimbatore Ajmer- Kanniyakumari
Amritsar- Mumbai via Ahmedabad Anupgarh- Delhi via Bhatinda Amritsar- Mumbai via Bikaner
Amritsar- Mumbai via Jodhpur

These proposals were examined but not found feasible for implementation due to operational and resource constraints.